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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : The Hon. Minister for Finance while intervening the interpellation was stating that it is for the best administration and to see that one man is held responsible for the execution of a particular job, that a one-man Tribunal or Body is constituted. But, may I ask the Hon. Minister whether there is not the Cabinet which has got the whole responsibility while each Minister has got individual responsibility also? Therefore, Sir, will the Hon. Minister see that that principle is abandoned and the principle of collective functioning is encouraged?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As far as the functioning of the Cabinet is concerned, I may tell the hon. Member that the Cabinet is responsible to this House and it acts under the supervision and also criticisms of the Members of this House. A quasi-judicial body is not subject to this criticism and control. Therefore the Cabinet system of functioning is entirely different. I hope the hon. Member, after his experience in the Assembly for the last four or five years, will understand this distinction.

*Bridge across the Korattalayar*

* 3409 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to construct a new bridge across the River Kudathaliar (Kusasthalai River) between Pagalamedu and Damarapakkam Traveller's Bungalow in the Tiruvallur taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the estimated amount for the work and when it will be taken up?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYATCHI : (*a*) There is a proposal to construct a new bridge across the Korattalayar river on the Koruttur-Thimmanur-Periyapalayam road. The site of the bridge will be between Pagalamedu and Damarapakkam Travellers' Bungalow.

(*b*) The proposal has been included tentatively in the draft Second Five-Year Plan. The approximate cost of the bridge is about Rs. 1·50 lakhs. The work will be taken up after detailed investigation during the Second Five-Year Plan period.

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that this river is near the Poondi Reservoir Scheme, that there is always water and the public on both sides of the river feel that it is inconvenient and sometimes very difficult to cross that river? If so, will the Government consider the necessity of taking it up within the shortest possible time?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYATCHI : Yes, Sir. In view of its importance, the Government are taking interest in the matter.